EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POLICY FOR THE LOCALLY PROGRAMMED FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL OF MAYORS

A. General Funding Provisions

- 1. The distribution of locally programmed federal transportation funds to the eleven councils is based on population. The total population within each council area, rural and urban, incorporated and unincorporated shall provide the basis for the distribution.
- Each Council of Mayors receives an annual allocation of locally programmed transportation funds and is responsible for programming those funds according to their own project selection methodology. Council projects must meet all federal eligibility requirements.
- 3. Each council is required to maintain a fiscally constrained multi-year program of projects funded with its locally programmed federal transportation funds.
- 4. Locally programmed federal transportation funds are typically allocated to the councils on an 80/20 federal/local match basis. Councils may establish policies that provide funding at a higher local match ratio in order to spread funds among more projects and municipalities and to encourage a strong local commitment to projects. Councils may also establish differing funding ratios for different project types and/or for the various project phases. The justification for differing funding ratios across project types and/or project phases must be identified in the Council's project selection methodology.
- 5. Each council may establish policies for the use of locally programmed federal transportation funds by non-member units of local government located within its boundary area having jurisdiction of a federally eligible facility.

B. Advance Funding Provisions

The construction phase of any project for which the Executive Committee
has approved the use of advance locally programmed federal funds must
receive federal authorization within the federal fiscal year that the advance
funding was approved. In such case where the federal authorization is not
received within the prescribed time period, the approved advance funding
will expire.

- A request for advance funding for an engineering or right-of-way phase of a project may not be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration without documentation that the executed local agency agreement has been forwarded by IDOT District 1 to IDOT Central Office.
- 3. A Council requesting the use of advance locally programmed federal funds cannot have another project programmed in the selected year of the TIP at the time of the request. A Council must have an insufficient estimated locally programmed federal transportation fund balance to (be eligible for advance funding) fund the project in question prior to requesting the use of advance funds.
- 4. Advance funding requests would only be approved if it is clear that approving such will not jeopardize the implementation of another Council's project(s). Council projects programmed in the selected year of the TIP and on schedule to receive federal authorization have precedence for funding. IDOT District 1 Bureau of Local Roads, working with the Planning Liaisons and the project sponsor(s), has been relied upon to make an objective estimate of project readiness.